

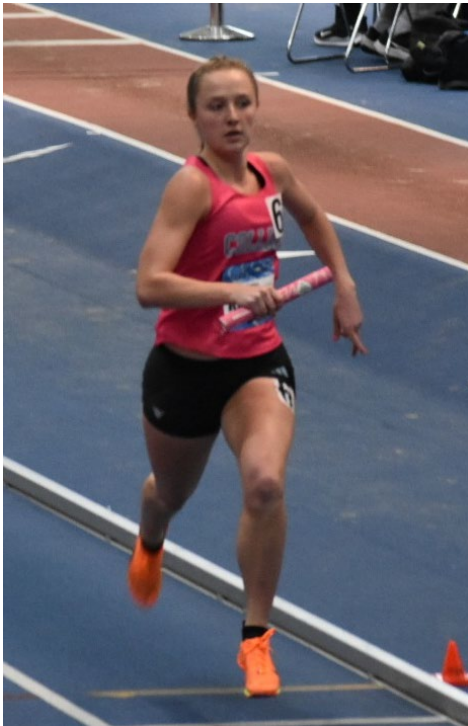


## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **Nike High School Indoor Nationals Meet**

Four Running Titans qualified for the Nike High School Indoor Nationals (NIN) which was held on March 13-16 at the historic Armory in New York City. Senior Emma Kendall ran in the Championship Division of the 800 at NIN. This was the second time she has run the 800 at NIN. As a sophomore she ran in the Emerging Elite Division and finished in 2:21.15. This year she ran 2:16.67 which was her fastest indoor time of the year. It also hit the US Silver Standard. This placed her 32<sup>nd</sup> overall and broke the previous indoor 800 school record she set on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet.



(Photo: S. Moran)

*Emma Kendall did yeoman duty at The Armory in the NIN meet as she broke school records in both the events she was in.*

Kendall came back later in the meet to anchor Collins' 4 X 400 relay team. She teamed up with juniors Sofia Leon and Ziara Taylor, as well as senior Grace Nelson to compete in the Emerging Elite division of the girls 4 X 400 relay. Leon got the Titans out of the blocks fast and handed the stick to Nelson who held ground. Taylor picked up a couple of places on her leg and handed the baton to Kendall. When Kendall got the baton, she was twelve meters behind the leader. She did not waste any time taking down the competition as Collins won their section of the race and finished seventh overall in the Emerging Elite Division.



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*Sofia Leon (6) prepares to pass the baton to second-leg Grace Nelson as Collins was on the way to breaking their 4 X 400 relay school record at Indoor Nationals.*

The girls' time of 4:04.85 broke the indoor school record they set on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eastern Indoor meet by almost three seconds. In fact, their time surpassed the outdoor school record they set last year at the regional meet (4:06.80) by almost two seconds. Their time hit the US Silver Standard and was just .35 off the Gold Standard.



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*Collins' record setting girls' 4 X 400 relay team pose with their favorite baton, "Pinky," at The Armory in New York City at the Nike Indoor Nationals Meet. (L to R): Sofia Leon, Grace Nelson, Ziara Taylor, Emma Kendall, and Head Coach George Sanderlin.*

Director of Track and Cross Country George Sanderlin, who took the girls to New York, said, "It doesn't get much better than this. Two races and two school records, both of which are the US Silver Standard, you can't beat that. After the girls' 4 X 4 got disqualified at State after being ranked number one, I thought there was no way we should end the season like that. I always like to end things on a positive note. I know they wanted another 'kick at the can.' So, I took them to NIN and couldn't have asked for a better outcome. This positions them well to go under 4:00 outdoors.

The Titans' next meet is the Shelbyville Hexagonal at home on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Collins will unveil their steeplechase set up at that meet.

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